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1. BRITISH DCM HAS PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

ON ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MISSION TO COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. HE SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAQQAF, WAS EVIDENTLY SUPPOSED TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR ARAB EMISSARIES WHEN HE VISITED WESTERN EUROPE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. HE APPARENTLY FAILED TO DO SO, HOWEVER, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR GENERAL SURPRISE WHEN EC LEARNED, JUST BEFORE SUMMIT MEETING, THAT ARABS INTENDED TO COME. (ONE DANISH DIPLOMAT, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, REFERRED TO THEM AS "GATE CRASHERS".) BRITON RELATED THAT ARAB AMBASSADORS IN LONDON ASKED FOR ASSURANCES BY 5:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, THAT EMISSARIES WOULD BE SUITABLY RECEIVED, BY WHICH BRITISH UNDERSTOOD AT LEVEL OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. ARAB DEMARCHES IN COPENHAGEN WERE, AS REPORTED REFTELS, LESS DEMANDING.

2. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR, OLDENBURG, WHEN QUERIED ABOUT ARAB VISIT, REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT EPISODE PASSED OFF REASONABLY WELL. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR EMBOFF'S COMMENT ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF MAKING CLEAR TO ARABS THAT USG CAN NOT BE PRESSURED INTO MIDDLE EAST CONCESSIONS BY ARAB THREATS TO EUROPE OR JAPAN. HE ALSO AGREED THAT EUROPEANS AND JAPANESE SHOULD REALIZE IT WAS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST THAT ARABS BE CLEAR ON THAT POINT, TO AVOID ENCOURAGING FURTHER THREATS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT EUROPEAN POSITION WAS NOT AN ENVIABLE ONE, GIVEN LIKELIHOOD OF CONTINUED TENSION IN ME. HE QUOTED A REMARK BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT TO POUL HARTLING, THEN DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, ON THE DIFFICULTY OF EVEN FINDING RIGHT WORDS IN WHICH TO DESCRIBE SITUATION, AS EVERY POSSIBLE TERM NOW HAD TAKEN ON SPECIFIC CONNOTATION WHICH WAS FAVORABLE TO ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. DUNNIGAN

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